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Mr. Arthur Neal
Director of Program Administration
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Dear Mr. Neal:

Coleman Natural Foods (BC Natural Foods, LLC), Golden, CO as a producer/processor of organic meat and poultry products, with multiple operating companies and working with multiple accredited certifying agencies, respectfully requests the National Organic Program (NOP) permit the use of Peracidic Acid/Peroxyacetic Acid. Specifically, Peracidic Acid/Peroxyacetic Acid use per 205.605(b) – for use as a sanitizer on food contact surfaces and be allowed for use in handling agricultural products labeled “Organic”; and, Peracidic Acid/Peroxyacetic Acid use per 205.603 (b) – for use in/or on facilities and processing equipment sanitation (barns, milking parlors, processing areas).

This was clearly the intent of the recommendation of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) in their unanimous vote to place Peracetic Acid on the National List of Materials.

Therefore, with this letter, we formally request that the NOP change the language in the Proposed Rule, Federal Register Vol. 70, No. 179, Friday, September 16, 2005 restricting the use of Peracidic Acid in handling agricultural products “made with organic” to state – permitting the use of Peracidic Acid in or/on organic products.

Your immediate action relative to this request is greatly appreciated and we look forward to a change in status of Peracidic Acid/Peroxyacetic Acid in the Final Rule.

Thank you,

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